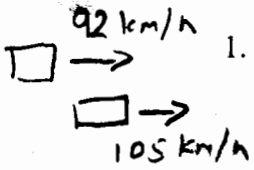


Frame of Reference



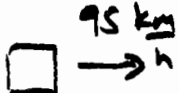
1. From the reference frame of a stationary observer, a car, traveling at a constant speed of 92 km/h, is passed by a truck moving at 105 km/h.

a. From the point of view of the car, what is the truck's speed?

$$V_C = 105 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} - 92 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} = 1.3 \times 10^1 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}}$$

b. From the point of view of the truck, what is the car's speed?

$$V_T = 92 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} - 105 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} = -1.3 \times 10^1 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}}$$

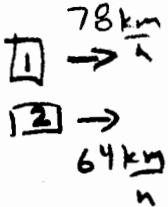


2. As you travel at a constant 95 km/h, a car that you know to be 3.5 m long, passes you in 1.8 s. How fast is it going relative to Earth?

$$v = \frac{3.5 \text{ m}}{1.8 \text{ s}} \times \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ h}} \times \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} = 7 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}}$$

$$V_E = 95 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} + 7 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} = 1.02 \times 10^2 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}}$$

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3. Two cars approach each other; both cars are moving westward, one at 78 km/h, the other at 64 km/h.

a. What is the velocity of the first car relative to the frame of reference of the second car?

$$V_1 = 78 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} - 64 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} = 1.4 \times 10^1 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}}$$

b. After they pass, will their relative velocity change?

VELOCITY DOES NOT CHANGE, JUST DIRECTION

Review

$d = ?$
 $t = 0.75 \text{ s}$

$$v = 55 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \times \frac{1 \text{ h}}{3600 \text{ s}} = 15.28 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$v = \frac{d}{t}$$

$$15.28 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = \frac{d}{0.75 \text{ s}}$$

$$d = 2.04 \times 10^1 \text{ m}$$

5. Both car A and car B leave school when a clock reads zero. Car A travels at a constant 75 km/h, while car B travels at 85 km/h.

a. How far are the two cars from school when the clock reads 2 h?

$$A) 75 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} = \frac{d_A}{2 \text{ h}} \quad d_A = 1.50 \times 10^2 \text{ km}$$

$$85 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} = \frac{d_B}{2 \text{ h}} \quad d_B = 1.70 \times 10^2 \text{ km}$$

b. Both cars passed a gas station 100 km from the school. When did each car pass the station?

$$75 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} = \frac{100 \text{ km}}{t_A}$$

$$t_A = 1.33 \text{ hr}$$

$$85 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} = \frac{100 \text{ km}}{t_B}$$

$$t_B = 1.78 \text{ hr}$$

